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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1684
INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1348

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, KS, SU
SUBJECT: ROKG CONGEN SEEKS COMMUNICATIONS
ASSISTANCE

REF: KHARTOUM 1208

1. ACTING CONGEN YEON HO CHOE ASKED AMBASSADOR MAY 10
WHETHER EMBASSY COULD HELP IN TRANSMITTING HIS CODED
MESSAGES TO SEOUL. AMBASSADOR SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE
EMBASSY WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TRANSMIT MESSAGE UNLESS
GIVEN BK#IN ENGLISH AND AGREED SEND ONE SUVHL#
MESSAGE MAY 11, PENDING LONG-TERM GUIDANCE FROM DEPT.

2. CHOE REPORTED NORTH KOREA HAD LEARNED OF NEW CONGEN
FROM PRESS RELEASE IN SEOUL. SINCE THEN (ABOUT APR 23),
NORTH KOREANS HERE HAD BEEN BLANKETING KHARTOUM TO
LOCATE ROKG QUARTERS. THEY HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL UNTIL
CHOE RETURNED RECENTLY FROM CAIRO WHERE HE HAD GONE TO
SEND CLASSIFIED MESSAGE AND AWAIT REPLY (COMMENT:
IT APPEARS NORTH KOREANS MAY HAVE PICKED HIM UP WHEN HE
WENT TO ROKG OFFICE IN CAIRO. END COMMENT). NORTH
KOREANS ARE NOW WATCHING MOVEMENTS HIMSELF AND VICE-
CONSUL LEE WITH THREE-MAN SQUADS ON 24-HOUR BASIS. CHOE
PLANS COMPLAIN TO CHIEF OF PROTOCOL MAY 11.

3. PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT MINTRANSPORT ABBADI WILL
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VISIT SEOUL AT END HIS CURRENT TRIP TO INDIA. CHOE

REPORTED THIS INCORRECT BUT SAID THAT GENERAL MANAGER
OF SUDAN RAILWAYS MOHAMMED WASFI, WHO CURRENTLY TRAVELING
WITH ABBADI, WOULD VISIT SEOUL TO INSPECT SOUTH KOREAN
RAILWAY NET.

4. COMMENT: UNLESS DEPT OBJECTS, EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE
PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANCE TO ROKG CONGEN HERE ON
BASIS ABOVE DESCRIBED. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT MESSAGES IN
CODE OR IN KOREAN KONLSKISIIITRUCTED#.
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